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## **Famous American Envelopes**



### **FIRST — STAMP JANUARY 29TH**



You will have to order immediately if you want to get in on this beautiful set of stamps with first day covers. The first stamp in the Authors set is to be issued January 29th at Tarrytown, N. Y. This will be the 1c stamp for Washington Irving. You can now send your covers for this stamp to the postmaster at that city. The 2c stamp for James Fenimore Cooper will also be issued on the same date at Cooperstown, N. Y. For other dates watch your stamp paper.

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### **Complete List of Famous Americans Stamps in Announced Order of Issue**

	AUTHORS	POETS	EDUCATORS	SCIENTISTS	COMPOSERS	ARTISTS	INVENTORS
1c	Irving	Longfellow	Mann	Audubon	Foster	Stuart	Whitney
2c	Cooper	Whittier	Hopkins	Long	Sousa	Whistler	Morse
3c	Emerson	Lowell	Eliot	Burbank	Herbert	St. Gaudens	McCormick
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== READY JANUARY 15TH ==



Collectors who are using the Linprint Unit System Pages can now place their orders for pages for all new stamps of 1939. These pages will be ready for delivery not later than January 15th.

Due to the fact that the new pages for each year usually average but one or two pages for each of the different Units that we offer, we have decided to offer these new supplementary pages in a different manner than in the past. Instead of offering pages for each of the different Units, which requires a minimum of 10c for a single page we have decided to offer pages for all of the various Units, in a single set of pages for single stamps also a set of pages for blocks of four or the Units for which we issue block pages.

Thus this year, there will be a single page for the 7 new commemorative singles, and a page for the one new Airmail stamp. This will make two pages of single stamps which we will offer as a unit to be numbered—Unit 1939-S. We will also offer a Unit for blocks, which will consist of two pages for the 7 new Commemoratives in blocks and a page for the new Airmail stamp in block of four. This Unit will be numbered—Unit 1939-B.

In this manner, the total price for all of the new pages will be but 30c whereas if we offered each of them in single Units the price would be 45c, as each page would have to be packed singly in an envelope.

We believe that this method of offering these pages will meet with the approval of our customers since all of you doubtless collect single copies of the stamps and for those who collect the blocks, the extra block Unit may be purchased.

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Collectors who have never used the Linprint Unit System pages are invited to order the above new pages as a sample of what can be had in this popular album page. Every year, new pages for the new stamps of the previous year are issued promptly so that your album is always up to date. Ask for price list of pages prior to 1939. Linprint Unit Pages are made for all U. S. Postage, Commemorative, Airmail, Parcel Post, Special Delivery, Coils, Imperfs, etc. Pages for Departments, Newspapers, revenue and envelopes are not available. Special supplementary blank pages of two different styles are available for odds and ends. Ring binder pages fit the standard 8½x11 three ring binder while the Post Binder pages are made to fit a special Expansion style post binder that is available at \$1.00. Ask for price list.



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## The War And Our Hobby

**I**MMEDIATELY upon the outbreak of the war in September, collectors began speculating concerning the effects on the hobby. So far these effects have been few and none could be termed grave. First philatelic effect was the removal from the realm of stamp issuing countries of Danzig, the Polish Offices in Danzig and Poland itself. These caused flurries in stamps of those issues but so far no spectacular increases or rarities have developed. The Polish forces collapsed so quickly that no provisionals of any sort have yet been reported, so apparently none occurred. Though its entire country be now in alien hands, the Polish postal service will probably be heard from again, for the government has been re-constituted and given authority over a small patch in France, where it is busy reforming Polish regiments to hurl into the fight on the Franco-German border. It is assumed that some sort of postal service will be functioning. Czechs too have been forming regiments, but as yet the government has not been formally re-organized as was the Polish.

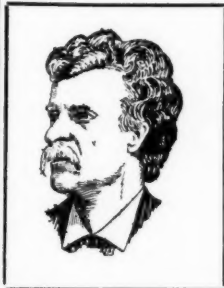
The first World War spread rapidly over the world, and enemy territory falling into Allied hands, resulted in hundreds of provisionals, many of them rarities. Nothing like this has so far occurred, mainly because there are no German possessions and the German naval force consists of isolated raiders which by the very nature of their construction would be incapable of seizing and holding any British or French possessions. The sea war though has already caused provisionals by Newfoundland and other provisionals too can be expected as supplies of the colonies run short. Increased postage rates in the British Empire are causing other changes in postal paper, first of these being reported from New Zealand, which changed denominations of its semi-postals by surcharging before issuing them. The war has so far caused cancellation of two issues, one of which was of great importance to philately. These were Costa Rica's Child Welfare Congress, and Britain's Centenary of the Postage Stamp Series. The war has ruined most of the plans for the centenary, chief among them the great exhibition planned for next May at London and the group voyage of Americans to it. Considerable agitation in the U. S. for holding the celebration here continues, with clubs reported favoring such a stamp issue at a ratio of four times as many in favor as are against it.

In America the war's two most important results have been the drying up of New Issues and the shortage of new packet material in wholesaler's stocks. The packets are not arriving in quantity due to the cheap labor available formerly in France and England being at present employed otherwise. The New Issues have suffered because the low profit margin does not permit risking losses at sea, also because much of this was imported via Europe. No embargos or trade restricting regulations have so far interfered with trans-Atlantic trade, though German stamps have had to run the blockade—in all instances apparently successfully. The British embargo just into effect on all German exports will probably end what little German international stamp business there has been, so new issues from there are expected to be scarce in future. An indication of the drop in foreign sales is given by the

report that the overprints for Danzig's return, at first reported as scarce, were later put on general sale at German post offices to get rid of them. New York City is on the verge of succeeding London as auction center, as one large collection has already been transferred to America and more are on their way. So far auction prices have kept up very well and fine material has gone almost exclusively to American bidders, whether sold in London or New York. The tragedy of war was brought home to American dealers with the recent amnesia case of a New York dealer, which resulted from worry over fate of his three Polish Army officer brothers and two sisters, of whom he has learned nothing since the war began. Though the Nazi government is not popular in the U. S., the dislike has not been noticeably visited upon German stamps. This is due no doubt as much to the

## Famous American Authors

### SAMUEL LANGHORNE CLEMENS



The selection of Clemens, better known as "Mark Twain" for the Famous series is fitting as he is America's most famous humorous novelist. His humorous sarcasm and exaggerations have made his books among the most popular in America for generations. Samuel Clemens was born at Florida, Mo., Nov. 30, 1835. His education was at local schools and at an early age took the trade of compositor, working at it in many cities and villages throughout the country. During these journeys he wrote many short humorous items for these papers, some of which have been lost. In 1851 he made his brief attempt at becoming a steamboat pilot on the Mississippi and at opening of the Civil War joined a band of Confederates but as he explained later, when he saw the war was being taken seriously, he departed for other activities! In 1863 he first employed the pseudonym "Mark Twain" in his writings for newspapers. The term was one of the calls used in taking soundings on river boats. In 1861 he went to Nevada as secretary to his brother, Secretary of the new Territory, but Clemens found the position a poor one and became a reporter at Virginia City where his humorous talents became first widely known. During the next few years he traveled in California, prospected, visited the Hawaiian Islands and lectured. "The Jumping Frog of Calaveras County," published in 1867, brought him his first fame. A trip abroad laid the groundwork for "The Innocents Abroad" published in 1869. From 1869 to 1871 he edited the *Buffalo Express*, married in the latter year and moved to Hartford. Mark Twain died at his home "Stormfield" at Redding, Conn., April 21, 1910. His best known works are "Adventures of Tom Sawyer" and "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" in which he portrayed the life of frontier America vividly. His humor often is irreverent and flippant, but noted for a sound morality, common sense and shrewdness beneath what seems reckless levity.

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tactical designs of these as anything else and the subjects chosen are usually those not offensive to anti-Nazis. Russian stamps, long under suspicion which that government has done nothing to allay, will probably suffer a serious lack of buyers as their issues have been frank propaganda for that government and at present U. S. dislike of Russia is intense.

Abroad philately of course has suffered some revisions. Stamp dealers' stores are barricaded by sand bags and windows are taped to offset the shattering effect of aircraft bombs. Business in England continues as much like normal as possible. Some dealers' staffs have been seriously cut as men were called up for service. One publisher lost his truck when it too was requisitioned. When air raids were expected at the beginning of the war, there was scurry of stocks to the safer places in the country, but it was soon over and most dealers continue their London offices. Auction rooms are crowded, bidders merely bringing along their gas mask kits and leading auctioneers advertise the safety of their premises by the proximity of bomb-proof shelters. Others advertise the safety of their quarters for stamps, as safes are available which will sustain everything except a direct hit—which all agree is fortunately a remote possibility. French dealers follow the same practices. The famous open air bourse continues to function amidst war-like preparations in Paris.

Philatelic publishing has had some severe setbacks. The submarine and mine campaign has cut down seriously the supply of paper and the future of British stamp papers is uncertain. Gibbons had only a small supply of paper available and cut down on pages at once. The *Stamp Review* was merged with *Stamp Collecting*, which now omits its cover. Advertising continued heavily with offers of items to suit the trends of times. The black-outs each night have caused an increase in stamp collecting as many more people must stay at home evenings. To while away time spent in bomb-proofs during air raid periods special "Black-out Parcels"—a sort of mixture are being offered. Stamp papers abroad had a considerable news-stand sale since such a large portion of the population collects stamps, but since the returned copies represent a large waste of paper, this practice of news-

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## Stamp Collectors Contribute to Finnish Relief Fund

Swinging into the spirit of sympathy for Finland which is sweeping America, Carl E. Pelander, author of "The Postal Issues of Finland," and his publisher, Scott Publications, Inc., have contributed the entire receipts of his forthcoming book to the Finnish Relief Fund, headed by the Hon. Herbert Hoover.

Mr. Pelander, a philatelist of outstanding rank, is a foremost student of the stamps of Finland, and his book is the most thorough study of Finnish postal issues ever published. Besides the General, Commemorative and Charity stamps, a chapter has been devoted to the Helsingfors and Tammerfors Locals. Another chapter deals with an interesting phase which reflects present conditions in Finland, which the author terms "The Associate Group." This chapter treats of the Finnish occupation of Russia in 1919 and the North Ingermanland and Karelian rebellions.

In addition to the study of the stamps, the book is interspersed with historical data reflecting the background of the stamps. It should therefore be of value to anyone interested in the historical scene, whether or not he is also interested in the discussion of philatelic particulars.

The announcement of the intention of Scott Publications, Inc., to donate the full receipts of the sale of the book to the Finnish Relief Fund, absorbing all publication costs themselves, first was made December 23. Scarcely had the announcement appeared than contributions began pouring in. In many instances far more than the publication price of \$1.00 was included, as the various subscribers declared themselves glad of an opportunity to give generously to so worthy a cause.

Charles E. V. Prins, Executive Secretary of the Finnish Relief Fund, upon learning of the movement afoot, wrote the publishers a letter of gratitude, commenting therein on the well-known generosity of philatelists in lending their aid to worth-while purposes.

With a spontaneity which is quite common in stamp collecting circles, the generous spirit of the publishers was readily caught up by others, and all who have been approached in the matter of details concerning the publication of the book have volunteered to share in the costs. Carl Pelander, the author, on being informed of his publisher's intentions, immediately offered to pay the cost of handling all sales and paying the postage for mailing copies of the book to subscribers. The paper manufacturers, printers, and engravers in each instance voluntarily suggested that they would like to share in the contribution, either by giving their products or services free or at cost.

You, the reader, may share by buying a copy of the book. The full one hundred cents of your dollar will go immediately

to the Finnish Relief Fund, and you, in addition, will receive a copy of the book, which will be mailed to you promptly upon publication.

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## First Day Calendar

Watch this calendar each week and you will find listed the coming first day of issue dates of all new U. S. stamps. All information given is from official releases of the Post Office Department. Changes and additions are made in this calendar as soon as information is received. Covers should not be sent to postmasters earlier than two or three weeks before the date of issue as arrangements are usually not completed earlier than that.

### AUTHORS

Denom.	Person	Place	Date
1c	Irving, Tarrytown, N. Y.		Jan. 29
2c	Cooper, Cooperstown, N. Y.		Jan. 29
3c	Emerson, Boston, Mass.		Feb. 5
5c	Alcott, Concord, Mass.		Feb. 5
10c	Clemens, Hannibal, Mo.		Feb. 13

### POETS

1c	Longfellow, Portland, Maine	Feb. 16
2c	Whittier, Haverhill, Mass.	Feb. 16
3c	Lowell, Cambridge, Mass.	Feb. 20
5c	Whitman, Camden, N. J.	Feb. 20
10c	Riley, Greenfield, Ind.	Feb. 24

Collectors are requested by the P. O. not to send covers to first day offices earlier than 30 days prior to first day dates. In view of this we are printing only portions of the entire Famous Americans list; not more than two months in advance.

The stamps listed in this calendar are only those issues officially announced by the U. S. Post Office Dept. First day dates of issues planned by the Canal Zone Bureau of Posts, Philippines, Canada, etc., are not listed here as we do not deem it practical to do so.

• A decree has authorized the French Minister of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones to publish no official reports of volume of business for duration of the war. Figures of quantities of stamps issued will, it is expected, be included in this censorship.

### MINT—U. S. COILS—MINT

No.	Pair	Line	Pr.	Sale.
442 2c C. (E)	—	—	—	.44
442a 2c Red (E)	—	—	—	.55
443 1c G. (S)	1.30	—	1.50	.65
467a 4c L. Br. (S)	1.00	—	1.35	.44
468 5c Bl. (S)	—	—	—	.32
495 4c Br. (S)	.22	—	—	.11
597 1c G. (S)	.10	—	.08	.04
597a 1c Y. Gr. (S)	.04	—	.06	.02
599 2c Dia I (S)	.06	—	—	.06
601 4c Br. (S)	.14	—	.20	.07
602 5c Bl. (S)	.14	—	.20	.07
604 1c G. (E)	.14	—	.20	.07
605 1½c Br. (E)	.06	—	.08	.08
606 2c C. (E)	.08	—	.12	.04
686 1½c Br. (S)	.05	—	.07	.08
721 3c V. (S)	.08	—	.10	.04

No.	Pair	Line	Pr.	Sale.
498 1c Gr.	—	—	—	.18
504 5c Blue	—	—	—	.45
506 6c Orange	—	—	—	.72
509 9c Salmon	—	—	—	.80
510 10c Orange Yell.	—	—	—	1.60
511 11c Green	—	—	—	2.25
512 12c Dk. Clar. Br.	—	—	—	.80
512a 12c Brn'ish Car.	—	—	—	1.90
514 15c Grey	—	—	—	1.90
516 30c Orange Red	—	—	—	2.50
518 1.00 V. Blk	—	—	—	1.65
518a 1.00 Dp. Brn. Blk	—	—	—	3.50

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62 2c Cabot	.08	122 10c Caribou	.40
66 6c Cabot	.20	124 15c Caribou	.90
69 12c Cabot	.50	127 2c on 30c	.45
78 ½c Ed. VIII	.10	169 9c Publ.	.60

#249 5c Royal Visit Mint 15c; Used 18c  
250-51 Prov. Sur. on R.V. Mint 50c; Used 70c

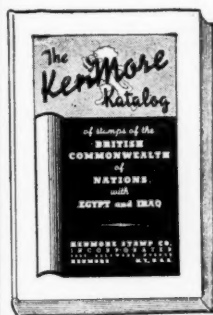
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### WINTER HEADQUARTERS OF PHILATELY

Exhibition to be held Feb. 19-24 in the Chamber of Commerce Bldg., St. Petersburg, Fla. The labels are obtainable of A. C. LeDuc, Secy., 305 13th St., North,

orange and may be obtained at 2 for 5c; 6 for 10c; or 20 for 25c, postage extra. Large quantities, they state, are offered at lower rates.

## Peru's High Values

Last May the Peruvian post office held one of its occasional auctions of stamps which accumulated on parcel post forms principally, but also from other sources. A representative of an American dealer bid 7205 soles and got the lot. Chief source of these stamps, mainly the high values, is from parcel post forms. When a package is mailed, the clerk makes out a form in duplicate, on the original affixing the postage in stamps and giving the duplicate to the sender. The original is retained by the post office and occasionally the stamps are soaked and together with other used stamps sold by auction in one lot. The basic price, our correspondent Nelson Foster states, is 50% of the face value. The use on these forms is the principal usage of the 5 and 10 sole postage stamps.

## India's Postal Museum

At Delhi, in November 1938, in the offices of the Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs of India, there was opened a Postal Museum which features a collection of postage stamps as well as old post office curiosities. The stamp collection, lying for years under lock and key and shown occasionally only to visiting stamp collectors, has been mounted in frames which slide into cabinets which are air and light proof. The exhibits consist mainly of a complete collection of Indian stamps with many rarities and some unique items. Also shown are stamps of the British Empire, stamps said by the Director-General to be complete. The whole is valued at about \$150,000.

## Japanese Issue Successful

In an article on the Patriotic Aviation issue stamps of 1937, the *Japan Advertiser* recently stated the series had proven a great success. 34,765,000 stamps had been sold up to July 31, 1939, for a total of 750,000 yen (about \$170,800.00). In November 1938, 480,000 yen were appropriated from this revenue for aviation purposes. A second and more recent appropriation spent the money for these purposes: 82,000 yen for the encouragement of glider flying; 10,000 to 80,000 yen each for four airports; and 10,000 for improvements and publicity. However, the program has been discontinued.

Junior: "Dad, where are the Azores?"  
Papa: "How should I know? Ask your mother; she's been tidying up."

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## Mansfield Annual Banquet

The Mansfield Philatelic Society will hold its annual banquet at the Southern Hotel, Mansfield, O., on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 6:30 p. m. The tickets are \$1.25, with choice of steak or turkey. Reservations should be made to either R. A. Gibson, Pres., 642 N. Market St., Galion; or Robert E. Sheriff, Secy., 420 Sherman Place, Mansfield. All interested collectors are invited.

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The dinner will be served Saturday evening at 6:30, price \$1.50 per plate. There will be no speeches and entertainment will be provided to amuse all. Highlight of the dinner will be the drawing for the Treasure Chest. This is a sturdy rusty iron box, overflowing with stamps, covers and albums from the duplicates of the members and will be awarded the lucky person holding the contribution receipt number drawn. Favors will be given all dinner attendants, with special favors for the ladies. Entertainment following the dinner for the ladies is scheduled.

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## Auction Calendar

The listing in this calendar are limited to sales advertised in our columns. Catalogs, or dates of sales should be sent as early as possible to insure listing in time.

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Jan. 19-20—U. S. Foreign, Wholesale. M. Ohlman, 116L Nassau St., New York City.

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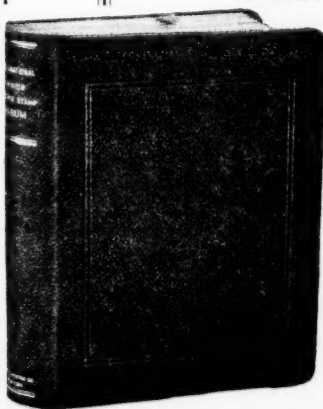
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## Editor's Notebook

**FORGOTTEN ANNIVERSARY** Next Wednesday is the anniversary of one of the most important dates in the history of communications; yet it is doubtful if observance will take place anywhere. On January 10, 1840 penny postage went into effect in the United Kingdom, the instant success of which led to complete changes in the manner of operation of postal services throughout the world, so that letters became commonplace in households instead of the exciting events and luxuries they had previously been reckoned. Penny postage provided the incentive for all to make use of the post office; postage stamps made penny postage convenient for all. It is hardly necessary to add that Penny Postage resulted in the adoption of postage stamps.

Prior to 1840 postage rates had been based on distance letters travelled, an error corrected thanks to the efforts of Rowland Hill who ably proved his contention that weight not distance should be the basis of rates since the costs of transport were minor items of post office

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A century ago Hill's plan proved an instant success, with mails increasing not gradually, but immediately to many times any previous volume. The postal service, once unimportant in national life, has since become one of the major features of nations, the most commonly used means of communication. The numerous benefits of the introduction of low postage rates are not necessary to state here. As stamp collectors we realize that among the minor (?) benefits to the world was the founding of the world's best hobby, which should convince any philatelist that January 10 is indeed a neglected anniversary.

**ANY EXCUSE WILL DO** The Dominican Republic has at times, in fact at almost all times, issued stamps for almost any reason, and some of the excuses for these issues are rather thin—or you may have noticed? The republic started its commemorative spree back in 1899 with a long series to obtain funds to build a mausoleum to house the remains of what were never proven conclusively to be the remains of the late Chris Columbus; and has dipped since into philatelic pocket books on the occasion of new bridges and street pavings. However the latest issue, will no doubt win the prize for such issues: commemorating the fourth anniversary of the death of the father of the ex-president. It must be awful to be a postmaster general just itching to issue new stamps and have a cranium that can only think up reasons like the above for a new issue.

—R. R.

## Perts and Imperts

**MAYBE THE P. O. DEPT. IS ISSUING** too many stamps at that! It's pretty bad when they can forget about two stamps issued in the past several years and still current. The new edition of the government stamp book omits the 20c and 50c trans-Pacific air mails!

**STEVE RICH SAYS IN THE PRE-cancel Bee** "that each and every Bureau Print (precancel) is just as much a special U. S. issue as any one of the 1939 commemoratives . . ." Tsk, tsk, Steve would you have us collect as DIFFERENT stamps every one of those precancels? It doesn't make any difference when or where the cancellation is applied to a stamp; because

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**THE USE BY FOREIGN DEALERS** of names which might mislead the buyer into thinking he was dealing with a government division, was given attention recently when J. A. Weston was vindicated by the courts on charges brought by another Costa Rican dealer after Mr. Weston pointed out in his circulars that the competitor's firm name gave an erroneous impression.

**JOSEPH P. THOMPSON, SAYS A** Schenectady, N. Y. news dispatch, makes a specialty of getting postcard cancellations that spell the names of celebrities and then has the celebrity autograph them. His most ambitious one so far has been one card on which he obtained six cancellations from that many states, the names spelling out the name of a college prexy.

**MESSRS. JONES AND HALLSTEIN** have again assumed the editing chores of PABEC, the newsy club magazine of the Philatelic Activity of the Brooklyn Edison Club.

**THE LIBRARY OF THE UNIVERSITY** of Texas, Austin, Texas, now boasts a fairly extensive philatelic library, thanks to the generosity of Raymond Wood who didn't want to leave his stamp magazines at Cleburne and had no room for them at Austin—so he gave them to the library. Seven volumes of LINN's are among the collection.

**THE POT CALLING THE KETTLE** black in a Soviet press item quoted in the *New York Times* telling about one Lermontoff whose birth 125 years ago serves as excuse for a new stamp: "The poet had the misfortune to live in the epoch of black reaction under the reign of Nicholas I, who mercilessly endeavored to root out every manifestation of living thought . . ." Why go back any further than 1939?

**LOCAL MEMBERS OF A STAMP** club obtaining out-of-towners to join up with the local club is not an uncommon feat of salesmanship; but its like "man bites dog," when the out-of-town member rounds up localities for addition to the membership. That's the miracle that happened to the Collectors Club of New York recently when a Baltimore member corralled two New Yorkers!

**A CURRENT STORY GOES TO THE** effect that a British dealer on the outbreak of hostilities wished to protect his stock as much as possible from air raids and sent one of his stock books to each of his best customers, asking them to hold them until things were better. They obliged and after things turned out to be quite calm he wrote asking them to send the books back. To his pleasant surprise he found they had made purchases ranging from a few shillings to as much as \$75 each!

## CHIPEX Issues Label

The Central Federation of Stamp Clubs is releasing the philatelic label illustrated to advertise its CHIPEX show Feb. 16-18 at Hotel LaSalle, Chicago. Printed in red and blue on white



paper, the label sells for 5c or 6 for 25c plus stamped return envelope at headquarters, Room 430, 230 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. W. V. Kenworth of the Austin Philatelic Club designed the label. The exhibition is intended to be national in scope and entry fee is \$1.00 per frame. Entry blanks obtainable at above address.

## Hawaiian Seals

The local Japanese committee of the Tuberculosis Association of Honolulu, Hawaii, issued a special seal in conjunction with the regular yearly Tuberculosis Christmas Seals. This is the second time in two years that such a special seal was introduced. This year's drive was greatly intensified. Some 83 Japanese merchants in Honolulu were approached for subscriptions.

Subscriptions are: \$2.00 and \$3.00; or \$5.00 and \$10.00. Bonds are given to those that subscribe in the \$5.00 or \$10.00 brackets. This is not a racial distinction, but merely to expedite the function of the campaign in the Japanese community of which there are some 150,000. These seals might prove interesting to those that go in for Christmas Seals collecting.—*Edwin Brooks.*

- It is said that reason India's first stamp, the ½ anna red of 1854 was never issued is because the supply of the ink ran out after 900 sheets had been printed. The design differs in that it has 9½ arches in the side panels instead of 8 on the issued ½ anna blue, which also indicates the first design was not acceptable.

- The overprint "MUESTRA" on stamps of the Spanish speaking countries means "Specimen."

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## Flag of the Race

In 1933, the republics of Uruguay, Honduras, Paraguay, Guatemala, Brazil, and Nicaragua issued stamps for the Day of the Race and picturing the Flag of the Race (Bandera de la Raza). The



reason for this simultaneous outburst of stamps of similar design was at first obscure to American collectors.

On October 12, 1932, there was raised on Independence Plaza, at Montevideo, Uruguay, with great ceremony a flag termed "Flag of the Race," symbolical of the racial solidarity of the Americas. Each year on Oct. 12 it was the custom in the American republics of Spanish language origin to celebrate that date for their Spanish origin.

This seems odd, considering all the republics had fought bloody wars of in-



dependence lasting many years, with Spain, for their independence. Actually, their independence is due to a freak of history. Their revolutions of 1810 started out as revolutions against the usurping government of Spain, that of Jerome, brother of Napoleon. The revolutions were started in the name of Ferdinand, the Spanish king deposed by Napoleon. Gradually, through the result of Spanish blunders, the countries fought for outright independence.

The flag raised at Montevideo was white with three large wine-colored crosses with the golden Sun of the Incas in back of the middle cross. The Director of Uruguay's Hispano-America Commission wrote each country asking for them to join in a "great Spanish-American act of fraternal racial solidarity to be held on August 3, next, commemorating the 441st anniversary of the glorious departure of Christopher Columbus." Each country was asked to hoist the symbolic flag at the capital and to issue a commemorative postage stamp on that date. The countries named above complied with the request for a stamp, with splurges of various size issues, ranging from the wretched Nicaraguan stamps to the finely printed Guatemalas. It should be noted that the countries join-

ing in the Oct. 12, 1932, celebration were Uruguay, Honduras, Paraguay, Chile, Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia and Peru; the rest of the Latin-American republics joining within a short time. The date of August 3 was chosen because it was on that date that Columbus sailed from Palos, Spain. Fortunately for stamp collectors, the issuance of the stamps has not become an annual affair. Salvador joined in the celebration, it will be noted, but its stamp design avoids the use or mention of the Flag of the Race.

## Canton Annual Feb. 10-11

The McKinley Stamp Club has announced its Ninth Annual Dinner and Exhibition will be held Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 10-11 at the Hotel Belden, Canton, O. Appropriately enough, the centenary of the postage stamp will be featured. Lou. W. Kreicker of Chicago will be the speaker at the dinner and will display part of his extensive collection of the Penny Black. The bourse will be open at noon Saturday and the dinner at \$1.50 per plate is scheduled for 6:30 P. M. The bourse and exhibi-

tion again open on Feb. 11 at 9 A. M. with a breakfast session at 10 A. M. for the many out-of-town visitors usually attending. Sightseeing trips are planned for the ladies. Bourse tables are \$1.00 and hotel rates from \$2.50. Reservations should be sent the Secretary, Homer J. Schlafly, 706 Park Ave., S. W., Canton.

## California Club Moves

The California Collectors Club now meets every Friday evening at the Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco. The change was made necessary by their outgrowing their old quarters. All collectors are invited to attend their meetings whenever possible.

## Centenary Movement Gains

The movement for a stamp to be issued to commemorate the centenary of postage stamps is gaining according to all reports. Many copies of the resolution printed in LINN's a few weeks ago have been sent and apparently many more will be sent.

## Good News for LINN'S Readers In 1940

Perhaps the one improvement in our publication that we have been asked to make, more often than any other, has been that we wire stitch the paper. Early last November we announced the publication of a set of special album pages with a special binder, for the coming Famous Americans Stamps and at the same time stated that the proceeds from the sale of these special albums would be set aside toward the purchase of a wire stitching machine which would be suitable for this use. We had expected when we made this announcement that such a machine would cost around \$2500.00. It seems to be a stroke of fortune, however, that the manufacturers of machines of this type have only recently announced a new model which will sell at just under \$1600.00. This will mean quite a saving and was welcome news to us.

Response to our offer of the proposed album pages was quite generous and we have already placed an order for one of the new machines on which we made a substantial cash payment, and expect delivery about February 1st or soon thereafter. In making the change from our present method of handling the paper we shall at the same time begin mailing the paper without wrapping each individual copy and shall stamp a small label with your address on the front of the paper. We anticipate making these changes without in any way disrupting delivery of the paper to our readers and hope that the new arrangement will meet with your approval. Incidentally we have been obliged also to purchase a new addressing machine with special attachment for this work.

Right now we are having made drawings for a new front cover and anticipate placing a two color cover on each issue of the paper when this change is completed.

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A Record of New Issues and New Discoveries

By RAY SHEPARD—1529 Duxberry Ave.—COLUMBUS, OHIO



**HONG KONG—Forgery.** The 5c. Postal Fiscal of 1938 has been faked by a gang who unearthed and removed copies of the stamp from old revenue documents, washed and placed them on envelopes and then had them postmarked with a genuine post office cancellation stamp, obtained surreptitiously. The washed out color of the green stamp is a clue to the fakes while, since only the "Hong Kong" hand stamp was used on them, any postmarks from outlying districts such as Kowloon, Kowloon City or Yau-mat are a guide to the genuineness of the stamps. While some of the covers have been sent to England, the whole gang have been arrested.

(Gibbons' Stamp Monthly)

**HUNGARY—Air Mail Semi-Postals.** On January 1st, a new issue of 400,000 sets was due to appear, to be sold at double face, the surtax to be given to a fund for the Horthy Air Defense. The stamps are to be large size. The values are 3f., 6f., 10f. and 20f.

On March 1st, the 20th Anniversary of the selection of Admiral Horthy as regent, the post office will issue a souvenir set. Details on this will be given later.

(Mark Reeves)

**INDIA—Official Stamp.** Another value in the current postage set has been issued with the "Service" overprint:

10rp. lake & dull violet

(Stamp Collecting)

**JUGOSLAVIA—New Portrait Series.** A new and up-to-date portrait of King Peter II adorns a new set of National postage stamps now being issued. The under-noted is the first value to appear and is the forerunner of a full new series comprising 25 and 50 para, 1, 1.50, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, 20 and 30 dinar:

1.50d. red

(Columbus Postage Stamp Co.)

**Semi-Postals.** A view of the tomb of the Unknown Soldier on the mountain of Avala, is the subject of the under-noted set of stamps issued on the 5th Anniversary of the assassination of King Alexander. The surtax was for the relief of the disabled soldiers from the World War; 150,000 sets issued:

1d. plus 50p. green  
1.50d. plus 1d. red  
2d. plus 1.50d. purple  
3d. plus 2d. blue

(Stamp Collecting)

**Belgrade Motor Races Issue.** 200,000 sets issued:

50p. plus 50p. brown & red (Stunt Motorcycle racing)

1d. plus 1d. dark green & green (Racing Car)

1.50d. plus 1.50d. maroon & copper red (motorcycle racer)

2d. plus 2d. dark ultramarine & ultramarine Racing Car

(R. Roberts)

**Adriatic Guard Issue.** Another set for the collectors of ship stamps:

50p. plus 50p. red-orange (old Sailing Ship)  
1d. plus 50p. green (river steamer)

1.50d. plus 1d. carmine (Ocean-going Motor Ship)  
2d. plus 1.50d. dull blue (small warship)

(Mekel's Weekly Stamp News)

**LATVIA—Harvest Commemoratives.** Issued to commemorate the 8th Agricultural Exposition held recently on the outskirts of Riga. Upright rectangular format:

10s. olive-green (Farmer with sickle & wheat)  
20s. claret (apple)

(R. Roberts)

**LITHUANIA—Restoration Commemoratives.** To commemorate the restoration to Lithuania the city of Vilna, the under-noted stamps have been overprinted "VILNIUS 1938X10." At the right of the overprint is the symbol consisting of three connecting towers. The issue was limited:

A51—15c. dark red  
A52—30c. deep green  
A51—35c. red lilac  
A52—60c. dark-blue

(Stamp Collecting)

## France Raises Rates

Numerous new issues from France and its colonies are expected shortly as the result of raising, effective December 1, of postage rates. New values of 1.30 and 1.80 francs are expected as the rate for letters within the country is now 1 franc for those up to 20 grams in weight; 1.30 francs for weights 20 to 50 grams; and 50 centimes for additional 50 grams or fraction. Foreign postage is 2.50 francs for letters up to 20 grams with 1.50 francs being charged for each additional 20 grams. The 90c and 2.25 francs values of France and its colonies have thus become obsolete and are being withdrawn. Post card rates are now 80c within France and 1.50 if foreign.

## Portugal to Commemorate Stamp Centenary

The government of Portugal has authorized the issuance of a series of stamps to commemorate the centenary in 1940 of the first postage stamp. Designs and values were not announced. Other countries are also considering similar action.

• The J. C. Morgenthau & Co., Inc., 1 West 47th Street, New York, N. Y., will hold an auction sale on foreign stamps from Abyssinia to Zululand on January 16, 17 and 18th. There will be about 2,000 lots, a good general collection, offered for sale by various owners. It is specially strong in stamps of the British Empire, France and Colonies, Germany and States, and South and Central America, used, unused, blocks, sets, etc. Catalogues may be obtained free upon request. There will be no commission charged for purchasing, and special attention will be paid to bids by mail.

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27- 36 (10)	2.25	83- 85 (3)	.25
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O16-O22 (7)	1.90		

KenMore's No.	Patiala	KenMore's No.	Malta
30- 40 (10)	2.35	21- 27 (7)	3.25
43- 52 (10)	1.90	28- 37 (9)	3.35
08-O15 (8)	2.00	38- 47 (8)	1.80
O19-O28 (8)	1.45	38- 48 (9)	5.25
O29-O35 (7)	1.15	49- 59 (8)	2.15
O40-O45 (6)	1.10	49- 60 (9)	4.60

KenMore's No.	Iraq	KenMore's No.	Malta
1- 12 (12)	11.75	66- 76 (8)	48.75
13 (1)	1.10	77- 84 (8)	19.50
14 (1)	.50	77- 85 (9)	44.00
15- 25 (11)	5.25	86- 96 (8)	12.50
15- 26 (12)	11.25	98-110 (13)	17.00
28- 42 (15)	14.00	111-112 (2)	.10
44- 56 (13)	2.00	113 (1)	.10
44- 59 (16)	7.75	114-115 (2)	.16
61- 77 (17)	13.00	116-125 (10)	1.70
O1-O10 (10)	2.85	116-129 (14)	14.00
O1-O11 (11)	6.25	131-146 (16)	6.80
O1-O12 (12)	13.25	131-147 (17)	10.75
O13-O21 (9)	1.70	148-163 (17)	6.80
O13-O23 (11)	10.60	148-164 (17)	10.75
O26-O36 (11)	12.25	167-183 (17)	10.00
O36-O37 (12)	20.00	D1-10 (10)	1.90

KenMore's No.	Iraq	KenMore's No.	Malta
O38-O48 (11)	10.60	83- 85 (3)	.25
O48-O58 (12)	20.00	86- 87 (2)	15.00
O55-O69 (15)	3.95		
O55-O70 (16)	7.50		

KenMore's No.	Iraq	KenMore's No.	Malta
33- 39 (4)	1.65	106-110 (5)	1.10
40- 47 (8)	13.75	106-111 (6)	4.50
50- 57 (8)	5.45	112-116 (5)	1.55
61- 68 (8)	1.75	112-117 (6)	3.00
75- 85 (10)	6.75	112-118 (7)	5.50
75- 86 (11)	9.25	112-119 (8)	10.00
75- 87 (12)	14.25	121-126 (6)	.95
88- 97 (10)	2.00	137-148 (12)	2.50
88-100 (13)	10.50	137-149 (13)	4.50

KenMore's No.	Iraq	KenMore's No.	Malta
33- 39 (4)	1.65	137-150 (14)	8.50
40- 47 (8)	13.75	137-151 (15)	16.50
50- 57 (8)	5.45	152-157 (6)	5.25
61- 68 (8)	1.75	152-159 (8)	19.00
75- 85 (10)	6.75	161-168 (8)	2.60
75- 86 (11)	9.25	173-180 (7)	5.50
75- 87 (12)	14.25	173-182 (8)	34.00
88- 97 (10)	2.00	184-187 (3)	.60
88-100 (13)	10.50	189-198 (8)	1.00

KenMore's No.	Iraq	KenMore's No.	Malta
1- 8 (7)	1.00	200-210 (10)	6.65
1- 12 (9)	4.75		
1- 14 (10)	9.00		
18- 31 (14)	9.50		
18- 32 (15)	19.00		
33- 35 (3)	5.50		
33- 36 (4)	21.25		
40- 41 (2)	.09		

KenMore's No.	Iraq	KenMore's No.	Malta
1- 14 (14)	14.00	26- 34 (11)	1.50
O1-O10 (10)	3.25	26- 36 (12)	2.30
O1-O11 (11)	6.75	26- 37 (13)	5.25
O1-O12 (12)	13.75	26- 38 (14)	11.25
O1-O13 (13)	23.50	47- 49 (3)	1.50
O15-O24 (10)	10.00	O14-O21 (8)	2.85
A1-A4 (4)	25.00		

KenMore's No.	Iraq	KenMore's No.	Malta
33- 38 (4)	.65	12- 21 (10)	15.25
42- 48 (7)	4.50	22- 28 (7)	3.65
99a-109 (12)	2.75	31a- 37 (7)	1.65
		31a- 40 (10)	8.00
		43- 49 (7)	1.00

KenMore's No.	Iraq	KenMore's No.	Malta
26- 33 (8)	6.50	43- 52 (10)	6.75
26- 34 (9)	12.50	53- 60 (8)	6.00
40- 46 (7)	10.45	62- 69 (8)	1.50
50- 57 (8)	4.50	75- 84 (10)	25.50
50- 58 (9)	7.50		
50- 59 (10)	13.25		

KenMore's No.	Iraq	KenMore's No.	Malta
1- 8 (8)	7.75	81- 90 (10)	2.00
20- 28 (9)	5.75	81- 93 (13)	7.65
36- 44 (9)	3.95	81- 95 (15)	16.50
36- 45 (10)	6.70	81- 97 (17)	38.50
46- 55 (10)	3.70	81- 98 (18)	155.00
56- 58 (8)	13.00	101-108 (8)	13.00
59- 60 (2)	1.00	110-116 (6)	17.25
75- 81 (7)	3.45	110-117 (7)	49.00

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## PRECANCEL FORUM

From out Indianapolis way comes Vol. 1, No. 1 of the above named precancel magazine. It will be edited by Allan P. Vestal. Allan has secured a publisher but that has not been announced. We always have felt that while the BEE has served the Precancel field well, that no one man should be in control of ALL OF THE NEWS that precancel collectors read. The now defunct MIDWEST was too ambitious for its own good. A two dollar paper for 50c could hardly be a money maker or break even. The new paper will not be so ambitious but will try to stand on its own feet. The Forum will be a monthly and price will be 50c per year. To those interested in helping along this new paper you can send your subscription to Allan P. Vestal, Fletcher Trust Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.

## THE NEW SETS

There will be those trusting souls that will try to get a set of each of the FA-

MOUS AMERICANS precancelled. This despite the fact that it is against the rules of the Department to precancel commemoratives. I would not be so foolish to make a statement that this can not be accomplished but I will say that a complete set will hardly be assembled that has been through the regular course of business. Also it will be very doubtful if a set can be completed that are from printed precancelling devices. Handstamps will comprise most of them.

## NOTES

The 1c Amsterdam, Pres. Coil is circulating. Have seen the following Presidentials:  $\frac{1}{2}$ c Chester, Vt. U-120, the  $\frac{1}{2}$ c U-44;  $\frac{1}{2}$ c Little Rock, Ark., U-1,  $\frac{1}{2}$ c North Bennington, Vt., U-121. Tech, and here we have a 3c Panama Canal from Chester, Vt., in U-44, and a 3c Printing Press from Putney, Vt. In U-122 down, more new ones, 1c Clayton, Ga., U-120; 1 5c Cleveland O.U.-12 overprinted NEA NOV 39, this comes both up and down.

## Queen City Philatelist

We were shown some time ago a copy of the "Queen City Philatelist and Collector's Advocate, Vol. I, Nos. 2-3, Feb.-Mar. 1888." This paper was published by Charles P. Tarvin of Cincinnati. The contents featured some oddly assorted articles between the stamp news: a column on canes, nearly a page on "Nesting of Pileated Woodpecker," a column of rules for the Oologist (a fancy name for bird's egg collector), and details of a raffle of six tools for equipping one properly to dig out a woodpecker!

Among the stamp ads was one offering the New York 5c postmaster's stamp for 75c; 11 Swiss Cantonal for a little over a dollar; and a packet of 120 stamps at 20c. The 30c brown was reported as just having appeared. The magazine listed the membership of the Ohio Philatelic Association—all ten members. No. 1 was the late W. S. Kinzer of Wooster; No. 3 was the veteran Chas. A. Townsend of Akron and the late Lieut. Partello was member No. 6. One of the ads was of a G. W. Winterburn & Co. of Cincinnati who claimed to have been established in 1865 and have branch "agencies" in Hartford, Buffalo, Cleveland, Chicago, Columbus, Detroit, Louisville, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Milwaukee and Toledo! We wonder if the "agency" was not a boy selling stamps from approvals?

• In printing the 1894 Siamese provisionals the printer made the unusual error of overprinting some stamps inverted on the face and then again overprinted them on the back.

## New Books Received

*A Description of United States Postage Stamps, 1847-1939*, revised edition, published by the Post Office Dept. and printed by the Government Printing Office. This book is a new edition of the one issued in 1937 and chief change is addition of all new stamps up to and including the Baseball stamp. A photo and brief descriptive writeup is given of every stamp, date and place of issue, plate numbers and quantities issued. The paper bound copies are 25c and the cloth bound 75c, obtainable of the Supt. of Documents, Govt. Printing Office. In size and general makeup the book is unchanged. A curious omission was noticed, the 20c and 50c trans-Pacific air mails being omitted, evidently in error.

*A Description of United States Postage Stamps, Junior Edition*, Historical and Commemorative Issues, 1893-1938. This is a smaller paper bound ( $4\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ , 65 pages) edition of the larger book described above. It contains halftone illustrations of all commemoratives starting with the Columbians with a brief description of a few lines regarding the stamp and its purpose. A loose-leaf page brings the book up to date as far as the Baseball stamp. This is the booklet sold on the Philatelic Truck for 10c and may be obtained at same price postpaid from the Philatelic Agency, Washington.

• Mexico in 1937 had 3,427 post offices and a total of 325,603,957 pieces of mail were handled that year.

## La Pola

The Pan American Union in its monthly bulletin is publishing a story from each member country on some famous woman of that country. This is the result of a resolution passed at a recent meeting. The first such story is that of the Colombian heroine, Policarpa Salavarrieta. This girl on Nov. 17, 1817,



was executed by the Spanish military on charges of aiding the rebels. Disguised as a market woman, she had sent messages to the rebels telling of happenings in the capital and doing in this manner severe damage to the royalist cause. Finally discovered, she was hanged. Her nickname was "La Pola" and on a stamp of the Department of Antioquia and on the 1c Centenary of Independence set, it was thought necessary to put this nickname in parentheses under her real name. Her memory has been greatly honored in Colombia, where her daring in passing the Spanish lines many times won for her more fame than any other of her countrywomen.

• The first stamps to show an electric light bulb were the 12 and 20 centavos values of the Dominican Republic's 1902 series. Their inclusion in the design opposite a torch was to show the change in lighting since the founding of San Domingo.

• The odd bottom portion of the overprint applied by Ecuador in 1896 to certain fiscal stamps for postage use, represents the initials "S" and "W" of Finance Minister Seraphin Wither, which he wrote superimposed over each other.

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For a number of years, New York collectors and dealers were hoping that the large sales of Harmer, Rooke & Co. would be held on this side of the Atlantic. It seems now that it took a war to make this firm finally hold its auction sales here. The next sale to be held here by this famous auction firm will be the disposal of the "Dwight" collection. The sale will be held in two sessions, the first part consisting of Saar, Memel, and air mails, and the second session consisting of France.

At last the long awaited German Occupation of Poland stamps have arrived. Only small quantities have been received so far. As yet there has been no announcement regarding the quantities surcharged. At the same time the second

printing of the Danzig Occupation Stamps arrived. As scarce as the original printing was, the printing is now quite abundant. There is a marked distinction between the two printings.

The New York postal authorities report that this Christmas broke all existing records for stamp sales, letters and parcels received, and letters and parcels mailed.

With the appearance of this column marks the beginning of my third year with *Linn's*. I wish to thank those who have written in pointing out errors that I sometimes made, at least it shows the column has been read. I welcome all criticism that will help me produce a better column for the coming year.

## We Acknowledge

With deep appreciation we acknowledge Holiday Greetings from many of our subscribers and advertisers. To mention those at hand: Editor Ralph Kimble of the *American Philatelist*; Edwin Brooks, *Chicago Herald-American* stamp editor; John E. Creamer, Lowell, Mass.; C. Panos Rogis, Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bensinger, Akron, O.; Bernard Silver, Washington, D. C.—whose card bore inverted surcharge of Greece; Roscoe Martin, Forestville, N. Y.; J. Murray Bartels, New York City; Fred Gamble, Stamp Editor of the *Highland Democrat*, Peekskill, N. Y.; Washington Stamp Exchange, Newark, N. J.; D. Blake Battles, Wooster, O.; Ideal Cover Co., St. Paul, Minn.; Walter T. Popper, Akron, who sent notebooks and we're taking the hint, Pop; the Fawcetts of Washington, D. C.; Mint Sheet Brokerage Co., Cleveland, O.; Stanley J. Falcon, Chicago dealer, who sent his card in the form of a calendar; A. P. Van Arder, Los Angeles, Calif.; H. Megh-rig & Sons, Inc., New York City; the

Santa Monica Stamp Club; Dr. Henry L. Holzberg, Pres. of the California Collectors Club, a card which shows Doc applying his stethoscope to a triangle which features a design reminiscent of one of Spain's most popular issues; T. M. Mance, New York City; John D. Standaard, Chattanooga, Tenn., with a very interesting card having an insert telling the story of the Friendsville, Tenn., post office and postmark of that office dated Dec. 25; Jerry Page, Columbus, O.; Charles A. Townsend, Akron, O.; Joseph E. Nemetz, Manitowoc, Minn.; Earl L. Rodgers, Lake Beulah, Wis.; Morris Jacobowitz and Jacob Krieger, New York City; the Chaney's of the Columbus Postage Stamp Co. and a handy metal perforation gauge for ye eds to quicker tell folk their 1c Franklins aren't the rare ones; an engraved card from H. A. L. Hughes & Co., Peterborough, England, with an imitation Penny Black and "cancel" of 1840 design in the bright vermilion ink then used; Sidney F. Barrett, of New York City's Nassau St.; Emil Paulson, West New York, N. J., whose card featured a "souvenir sheet" of Famous Americans who won't appear on stamps; George De Grasso, Detroit's Fiume specialist; Harold J. Snett, Chicago, Ill.; Jas Stamp Service, who sent theirs under the Christmas Day postmark of Santa, Idaho; and many others whose greetings came on letters and orders which were filed before we made up this list. Many thanks for remembering us.

• Costa Rican stamps cancelled with parallel bars or several concentric circles, all press-printed, are remainders, which were sold in that manner.

• Some of the stamps of the Indian native states have been produced by printing from a single subject rubber stamp or die. Despite this, they are not uncommon and some sell for a few cents.

## Servicers of Famous Americans First Day Covers

These persons have signified their willingness to service first day covers of the Famous American stamps. Their letters arrived too late to include their names with the list published on page 86 of the Dec. 9 LINN'S:

Sonoma County Philatelic Society, Charles M. Kellogg, Secy., P. O. Box 374, Santa Rosa, Calif. (Burbank stamp).

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**ONE AND TWO CENT approvals.** A superior  
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Also good U. S. Personal service by expert  
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Introductory offer. \$1.00 cat. value free, your  
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selected used U. S. approvals. Personal at-  
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per week. Our plan is different. Write for it.  
We also sell packets. We buy collections. A.  
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oboes, 60 different \$1.00. Ishitoko, Naka-  
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**SCANDINAVIA—100 different, select 60c;** 120  
different foreign 40c. Sugarman, 140 S. Dear-  
born, Chicago. (85)

**30 DIFFERENT MAP STAMPS** 25c; 50 dif-  
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**27 DIFFERENT NEWFOUNDLAND,** including  
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Very unusual bargain. Marigold Stamps, To-  
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**150 GOOD CANADIAN.** Higher values, pictor-  
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284, Sarnia, Canada. (90\*)

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**5c TRANS-MISSISSIPPI** only 50c to approval  
applicants. 20th Century Approvals, Tamaqua,  
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Rock, Arkansas. (tf\*)

**MINT BLOCKS WHOLESALE—\$756-765—83,**  
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**600 MIXED U. S. Commemoratives** with about  
45 varieties \$1.00. Needing cash badly we are  
sacrificing our stock. Satisfaction or cash re-  
fund. Kovens Co., 8046 Tioga Parkway, Balti-  
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Nothing after \$388. Send dollar for \$3 cata-  
log value. Nolan Snyder, 215 Oakwood,  
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**COLLECTORS OF PLATE NUMBER** Singles  
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**U. S. MISSION MIXTURE—rich** in commem  
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**92 DIFFERENT Mixture List** and Royal Visit  
set free. No approvals. House of Stamp Mix-  
tures, Box 284, Sarnia, Canada. (90\*)

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**POSTER STAMPS** and Christmas Seals. Lists  
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Stamps all different for dime and 3c stamp.  
No postals. Dunning, Wilmington, North  
Carolina. (tf\*)

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**PRECANCELS ON APPROVAL.** 80% to 90% discount on 1922-37 issues. Others at low prices. 16c Special Delivery free to applicants sending 8c. K. M. Gierhart, Baltimore, Ohio.

**WILL BUY OR SELL.** Have foreign pictorials, airmails, commemoratives to exchange for precancels. Wieland, c/o Maybury, Northville, Michigan. (84)

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**FREE:** Foreign Coin, Banknote, and large illustrated coin catalog, for 3c postage. Coin approvals sent. Tatham Coinco, Springfield, 110, Mass. (tf\*)

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**UNUSED UNITED STATES** at small discount. Particulars on request. Drisco, 116 Nassau, New York City. (tf\*)

**FAIR PRICES** paid for collections, accumulations, U. S., Foreign. Minimum shipment \$10.00. Walter Gisiger, 200 Broadway, New York. (tf\*)

**ALL DENOMINATIONS** of unused postage bought 1c to 3c, 5% discount; 4c to \$1.00, 8%; High airmails, 20%. Immediate remittance. Buchanan Stamp Co., 1299 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. (84\*)

**COLORADO RAILWAY POST OFFICE** (R. P. O.) cancellations, preferably on cards or covers 1873-1929. No current covers or postmarks wanted. Write first, before sending, stating your price. Also want material associated with Colorado railways, particularly photos of passenger trains. R. W. Richardson, c/o LINN'S, 551 N. Park St., Columbus, Ohio.

## WHOLESALE

**MONTHLY WHOLESALE PRICELIST**, free. Billings, 151-18, 85th Ave., Jamaica, New York. (tf\*)

**JUST OUT, 1940 U. S. Wholesale list** featuring 1500 mint and used items at competitive prices. Free to dealers. Send postage. Metropolitan Stamps, 198 Broadway, New York City. (tf\*)

## The War and Our Hobby

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stand sale is forbidden and now news agents must take advance orders from their customers and may not stock extra copies. French stamp papers suffer from a fear of the authorities that their ads with the catalogue numbers might be used by spies to send code messages; consequently the use of such numbers is prohibited and ads are conspicuous by their brevity and white space now. This regulation is further aided by new advertisers being required to obtain a certificate of their local police authority before they can advertise. Mindful of the use of stamps by spies in the last war, French authorities are taking no chances this time. British authorities have been very lenient with the hobby, making exceptions regarding the compulsory war risk insurance and permitting normal purchases abroad, also the sending abroad of funds to pay for pre-war commitments.

The black-out hit stamp clubs badly and immediately many clubs suspended "for duration" but opinion forced most to rescind their decision. Attendance still is hit by the black-out as the dark streets do not invite travel at night. As German current issues are "enemy goods" these may not be imported even from neutral sources, used or unused.

No restriction is in force against stamps issued prior to the war. English papers print pictures of new German issues and list them as they did in pre-war days and no enmity is shown toward the stamps; quite a contrast to stamps in the last World War. Then they were not listed and frequently the hatred of all things of the enemy resulted in bonfires of the stamps—an overdose of patriotism lamented upon return of peace. Cataloguers mindful of the difficult task of post war years of trying to find out about the issues they ignored have announced they will continue to list all German issues as usual. British collectors are exhorted to buy British stamps on the theory every sale of a mint stamp is more revenue to the government. The drop of the pound to around \$4.00 has

some mails routed through neutral countries. The dearth of new supplies entering Germany resulted in smuggling which in turn resulted in prison for a number of prominent members of the trade.

Though new stamps caused by the war are few, postal markings, already a popular specialty in the U. S., has been given a flood of new material. Censorship is in force throughout the world in many countries and these labels and markings are numerous already. Army post offices account for other markings, cancellations of the British army offices being numerous in variety, but still seldom seen here. German field offices have been established but mail from them to American addresses will be rare. Though Germany so far has ap-



Types of postal markings used in the first World War and now being again brought into use.

resulted in an increase of business with Americans who are being urged (though they don't need it) to take advantage of the 20% discount this means.

Some erroneous impressions have been circulated regarding the stamp business with British and H. A. L. Hughes have written us about this. They point out that one paper's statements along this line were entirely misleading. Mails are running slower but losses of stamps so far have not been recorded. A statement that British dealers must be registered is incorrect. Insurance rates, very high, are not compulsory and so do not increase costs to the buyer. Postal charges are almost unchanged, the registration fee still being only 3d.

The war has affected German philately least of all. This is due primarily to that country having in effect long before the war, regulations stricter than the others adopted after the war started. The attempts of refugees to get their valuables from the country in the form of stamps resulted in such stringent regulations that international traffic between Germany and other countries is negligible. Exchanging between collectors was hampered by permits etc. The allied blockade has caused turning back of

parently not resorted to censorship by using labels and markings, the invisible censorship is evident. Letters are guarded in language in contrast with a freedom of expression surprising in its content in British mail. Reports have been noted of stamps being peeled on German mail, evidently in search for messages written beneath stamps.

One manifestation in American philatelic circles of the war, is the great increase in naval post offices with their interesting markings. Many ships are being repaired, refitted and commissioned, and practically all given post offices—a feature of the American navy. The number of these offices is reaching an all time high.

• The post offices of BUCK, W. Va., and DOME, N. C., are being discontinued on Jan. 31.

• Instances have occurred recently of postmasters incorrectly computing the postage for which meters are set and have charged the meter machine operator only one-half as much postage as the machine was capable of registering.



# AUSTRALASIAN NOTES

By RAY PORTER

## AUSTRALIA

The projected trans-Tasman air service is still in the air, as it were, and it is very likely that it will be shelved for the duration of the war. Much will depend on the Dominions Conference to be held in London but the present outlook is not very hopeful as to its early start.

The announcement by the President of the United States, that the Pacific Ocean was not in the danger zone and that American liners would therefore continue on their schedules was very welcome here, for not only will it mean a more frequent mail service but freight space will also be almost normal and judging by present indications Australia is going to prove a good customer of Uncle Sam.

Since the recent increase in the airmail rate to England from 5d. to 1/6 the quantity of mail has dropped by one-third, and most of the correspondence is now carried by the mail steamers.

The great activity in military training (all of which is of a voluntary character) has had its echo in philately too. A number of training camps have been provided with special post offices using their own hand date stamps. It usually gives the name of the town with the additional words "Military P. O." and number of same. A number of collectors have even provided themselves with "first day covers" of such post offices and doubtless in days to come they will be of interest.

It is expected that as a result of the postponement of the N. Z.-U. S. air service, Pan-American Airways will open negotiations with the Federal Government to allow the China Clipper service to run to Australia. At present there exists an airmail service between Australia and America by way of Hong Kong. Mail from Australia is carried on the Imperial Airways Route to Singapore hence to Hong Kong and there is transferred to the China Clipper service. The extension however of this service direct to Australia would leave the entire route in the hands of Pan-American Airways.

## NEW ZEALAND

The air mail stamps which were issued in 1935 will become obsolete as from the 1st January 1940 and no further air mail stamps will be issued. Thus the airmail stamps will become a thing of the past and the ordinary stamps will now be used on airmail. It was generally thought that airmail stamps would supersede ordinary postage stamps for all mails would finally be carried by air. It appears now however that the airmail will become so common that ordinary stamps will be used and airmail stamps which were used to popularise the airmail service will now retire after having accomplished their job. It will be remembered that all Australian airmail stamps became obsolete some time ago,

and those of Egypt have also been withdrawn.

The number of 1938 Health stamps sold was 1,234,720. It is interesting to compare these figures with the sales for the first four years, which are as follows:

1929	592,848
1930	215,543
1931 (1d.)	74,802
1931 (2d.)	111,929
1932	237,564

It is quite certain that the 1939 Health set mentioned last month will not enjoy much popularity with the general public, because of the new rates which have been doubled and not many will be willing to pay an additional premium for the health camps.

The Postal Department will arrange a display of interest to philatelists during the Centennial Exhibition. Displays will be changed weekly and the philatelic bureau will be situated in a room adjoining the special post office at the exhibition. This special post office will use a distinctive hand and machine date stamp and special registered labels.

The 12 denominations of the Centennial series will replace the current pictorial stamps during 1940 and it is anticipated that when the commemorative stamps will be withdrawn at the end of the year, the pictorials will be again reintroduced. Whether any changes will then be made or not, remains yet to be seen.

## TONGA

I have been officially advised that the Jubilee stamps were withdrawn from sale on October 11th. and all unsold remainders will be destroyed.



1745 pounds worth of commemorative stamps were sold during their currency, and as most of them were sold to philatelists in complete sets it is likely that a total of about 70,000 sets were sold. Considering that the stamps were current for one year this is a surprisingly small number of stamps sold and it remains yet to be seen whether these little publicized stamps will become more popular now, when they are obsolete and available only in limited quantities.

## WESTERN SAMOA

The four stamps issued on the 29th August 1939 to commemorate the twenty-five years of New Zealand's control of the mandated territory of Western Samoa were withdrawn from sale on the 30th November. Evidently war conditions have also interfered with the sales of these stamps for only one printing of these stamps was sufficient to meet demands. Official quantities are however still not available and it will be some time before they are released.

## Annual Events Calendar

Buffalo, N. Y.—Bison Philatelic Society 7th Annual Celebration and Exhibit Jan. 10. Place not stated.

Chicago, Ill.—Sixth annual exhibition by the North Shore Philatelic Society at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Jan. 12, 13, 14.

Chicago, Ill.—Jan. 19, 20, 21, annual exhibition of the South Chicago Stamp Exchange Club. Place not stated, but club meets at South Chicago YMCA.

Chicago, Ill.—POLPEX Exhibition by the Polonus Philatelic Society, Jan. 24, 25, 26 at 1234 Milwaukee Ave.

Cleveland, O.—Annual exhibition, bourse and dinner of the Cleveland Stamp Club at Hotel Hollenden, Jan. 27-28.

Columbus, O.—Annual Exhibition and Bourse of the Columbus Philatelic Club, Chittenden Hotel, Jan. 20-21.

St. Paul, Minn.—Twin City Philatelic Society exhibition at the St. Paul Hotel, January 11-14.

## Famous Office Closes

The post office of Cadams, Nebraska, is being discontinued on January 31, an official order of the Post Office Department states. This little fourth-class office will be recalled by many stamp collectors by the finely cancelled blocks of U. S. Commemoratives of issues of 1932-34 which are numerous in collections. This was one of the offices where by a quirk in the special delivery system of fees, thousands of blocks of stamps were used and then sold for lower prices than heretofore had been possible. For a time the market for U. S. used blocks was glutted with offerings of huge quantities of blocks, all superbly cancelled from Cadams and one or two other post offices. Exposure of the means of obtaining these blocks brought changes in postal rules regarding payment of fees to carriers and the racket was ended. LINN'S in 1934 exposed the practice. The official order gave no reason for the discontinuance of the office, but it is probably due to the consolidation of offices by extension of R. F. D. routes.

• A copy of Cuba's 1 centavo tuberculosis stamp must be used during December and January on each piece of mail except franked correspondence and second class matter (publications).

• More new navy post offices have been ordered established on the following ships: U.S.S. Russell, Welles, Abel P. Uphur, Trippe and S-28.